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- 1.1 Purpose.** The chapter establishes policy on utilizing the Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS) enhancement that systematically completes the transfer of title, including deed acceptance, approval, recordation, and certification.
- 1.2 Scope.** This policy applies to the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP) conveyance of fractional interests that are approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Land Buy-Back Acquisition Center.
- 1.3 Policy.** It is the policy of Indian Affairs (IA) to facilitate the accurate and efficient LBBP conveyance of fractional interests to the applicable tribe.
- 1.4 Authority.**
 - A. P.L. 106-462, Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments of 2000
 - B. P.L. 108-374, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004
 - C. P.L. 111-291, Claims Resolution Act of 2010
 - D. Secretary of the Interior Order (SO) No. 3325, Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
- 1.5 Responsibilities.**
 - A. **Director, BIA** is responsible for the development of policy affecting Indian lands.
 - B. **Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services (OTS)** is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of land title, and is advised that the auto-apply feature as designed in the TAAMS LBB module will be utilized for all LBBP land conveyances. The auto-apply feature is designed to automatically update and certify the title conveyance in TAAMS without further action or consideration.
 - C. **LBBP Acquisition Center Director** is delegated the authority to approve/certify title deeds in the TAAMS, including deed acceptance, approval, recordation, and certification, and transferring fractional land interests from an individual to the tribe with jurisdiction.

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1.6 Overview of LBBP Conveyances in TAAMS.

A. The LBBP Acquisition Center Director is the designated authority to accept, approve, and certify title deeds transferring fractionated land interests from an individual to the tribe with jurisdiction through the LBBP for Tribal Nations as authorized by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Class Action Settlement Agreement, and the Indian Land Consolidation Act, as amended until further notice.

B. With the Acquisition Director's approval of the conveyance, the deed and other documents supporting the transaction will be automatically recorded in the land title system of record, TAAMS, without further consideration or action.

Approval



Michael Black
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Date